

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-23 have been canceled. Claims 24-31 directed to a screening method have been added and are pending. Claims directed to screening methods were withdrawn from consideration during the examination of the parent application Serial No. 09/44,585; see the Official Action of February 12, 2003, paper no. 20.

Please examine claims 24 – 31 taking into account the documents of record in the parent application as listed on the attached PTO-1449. Copies of these documents are available in the file of the parent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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